

Proposition 1A

Proposition 1A is an initiative that will be on the November ballot that will prevent the State Legislature from taking and using funds originally committed to local governments.

Prop. 1A also requires the State to reimburse local governments for the cost of programs and services it mandates cities, counties and special districts provide. If the State fails to provide reimbursement to local governments for state mandated local programs, the mandate must be suspended, except for specified employee rights and benefits.

Prop. 1A allows for flexibility in the event of a future state fiscal emergency. The State may borrow local government funds, only if the Governor declares a fiscal necessity and 2/3 of the legislature approve. All funds must be repaid within 3 years.

For more than a decade, the State Legislature has been shifting billions of local property tax dollars each year from cities, counties and special districts in order to fund the State's obligation to schools. Commonly referred to as ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund), the State has shifted more than \$40 billion in property taxes since the early 1990's from local services, including \$2,109,394 from the City of Pleasant Hill and \$545,504 from the Pleasant Hill Redevelopment Agency. The amount being diverted from local budgets keeps growing and now amounts to nearly \$5 billion annually -- \$304,945 in the City of Pleasant Hill and \$146,561 from the Redevelopment Agency this year.

The State has also imposed billions in additional costs on local governments by mandating programs and services that are only partially funded or not funded at all by the State.

Earlier this year Prop. 65 was put on the ballot by many of the same groups that are now supporting Prop. 1A. All of the official proponents of Prop. 65 are now supporting Prop. 1A, and opposing Prop. 65.

The official ballot label for Prop. 1A explains what Prop. 1A does:

"Ensures local property tax and sales tax revenues remain with local government thereby safeguarding funding for public safety, health, libraries, parks, and other local services. Provisions can only be suspended if the Governor declares a fiscal necessity and two-thirds of the Legislature concur."

If you would like more information on Prop. 1A, the Secretary of State lists the following contact information for the proponents and opponents of the measure:

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